

From Group Discussion

Church group recently held gospel performance at fountain

Restroom facility is desirable

Garbage can has been removed. Provide trash service.

Representation of MLK could take form through metaphor, interactive fountain, awareness of plaques

Access issues – sidewalks incomplete, edge on Bayview is “scary”

Pepsi is a noisy neighbor, trees on Bayview provide some buffering

Site has a strong connection to people

Awareness of site is important – raise the park public profile, school presentations, get on Chamber of Commerce published information, websites, marking campaign around time of Dr. King’s birthday.

Parking for events is a concern

Resources from Dept. of Neighborhoods – funding, work with community to develop walking tours, handouts available at community centers, tennis center

Entries – interested to hear of sequencing, suggest incorporating other corners

Add programs via – organizations, church groups, entertainers, night programming with supporting lighting,

Provide ability for picnics in range of Seattle’s weather

Interactive exhibits

Show the symbolism, make it clear to park users

Use landscape to symbolize words

Interactive water feature

Not used as designed

Publicize

Provide infrastructure to support group use

Add signage

Provide entertainment

Schedule occasional night events (“movie in the park” for example)

Great view, openness of amphitheater

Fountain plaza is sometimes used as stage

Introduce the park purpose at the edges of the park

Add trees or shade to amphitheater

Add sidewalks

Educate people on how to use the site, make it known that it’s there and available

Make fountain more visible through trees to south

Provide human scale features

Provide picnic opportunities

From drawings:

Parking on S. Walker St.

Parking on 28th

New path from tennis center

Provide view in toward sculpture from main entry

Improve lighting (fixtures, effect)

Maintain fountain
Seasonal planting changes
Provide winter garden, accentuate events honoring Dr. King's birthday
Interactive fountain with draining plaza – walk into, around fountain like Seattle Center, audio installations, carved basalt seating related to sculpture
Improve seating – too high, too wide
Add color
Community art additions give sense of ownership
Provide programming and events
South lawn area feels more “neighborhood park-ish”
Provide entries at other corners
Shelter at viewpoint at top of amphitheater
Encourage noise buffering of Pepsi
Derive landscape design through words of Dr. King
Special planting on MLK Day
Picnic areas along path between fountain and new south entrance
Accessible path from new NE entrance to fountain
Crosswalks or connections to tennis center and overflow parking
History/education loop path
Shade trees on terraces
Steps from fountain to the “mountain top”
Backdrop to smaller scale contemplation seating on west side of fountain (shrub roses)
Add contemplation seating on benches around fountain
Picnic tables between fountain and tennis center
Focused picnic area in upper south lawn, with shelter and tables
Remove berm, trim trees for better view of fountain from south on MLK Way S.
Provide exercise classes here
Hold big festival for community with booths
Setting for weddings
Banners or flags along MLK Way S. to enhance park identity at street
Program movie days, on MLK Day, provide big screen
Program egg hunt
Increase publicity
Encourage activity and physical exercise on site
Add benches
Loop path with historical elements
Activities for youth
More entries
Make entry more noticeable
Provide access to terraces
Open view to park
Provide parking
Additional signs and acknowledgement of what park means
Provide shelter, picnic tables
Use volume of woody hillside for parking structure (plan for really big events!)
Keep terraces open for use

Clean up the existing features
Illuminate the sculpture
Illuminate the entry
Pathway lighting
Develop African garden, utilizing drought tolerant plants
Develop sensory garden
Support chess tournaments
Replace dying cherry trees with more suitable species – make “sacred grove”
Provide parking
Provide on-site restroom facility
Important to recognize existing meaning of park to community, as memorial to Dr. King, and as a time when community members came together in the past to make a great thing happen
Sculpture represents “I’ve been to the mountain top!” and family unit, and trinity
Establish a docent program
Develop oral histories
Illuminate the plaques
Walking tours, audio tours
Publicize park in convention literature
Shelters could incorporate African architectural themes
Tie structures to sculpture, for example, pathway could follow country layouts of Zimbabwe
Make the main entrance more main
Volunteer workparties at entry garden area